

# A **fresh** opportunity for Canberra

A Canberra Liberals Government will:

## Support Canberrans living with a disability



Disability is a whole of government issue, which requires a whole of government response.

There are over 77,000 Canberrans living with a disability, with only just over 10,000 receiving NDIS support.

A Canberra Liberals Government will:

- ✓ Provide more funding for disability advocacy
- ✓ Appoint specific Disability Liaison officers at ACT hospitals
- ✓ Provide better access to diagnosis services for neurodivergent children
- ✓ Support for our disability workforce

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In addition, a Canberra Liberals Government will increase the age of an ASD assessment from 12 to 16 – recognising that many diagnostic attributes may not exhibit until the teenage years. We will also include provisions for two years for those people who are above 16 (but under 25) who have not been able to access a diagnosis.

A Canberra Liberals Government will increase funding to disability organisations to cope with the increased requirement due to the NDIS and growth and reform.

The Canberra Liberals will provide an additional \$875,000 per year over the next four years:

- \$350,000 to Advocacy for Inclusion
- \$150,000 for ACT Down Syndrome and Intellectual Disability
- \$200,000 to Women with Disabilities ACT
- \$175,000 to the Mental Health Community Coalition ACT

We will also establish an employment grants program to encourage further employment opportunities for those Canberrans living with a disability, and establish the Connected School Based Apprenticeship Fund which will provide support for employers to take on an Australian School Based Apprenticeship.

The Canberra Liberals are committed to ensuring we have a community where the rights and safety of those living with a disability are respected and valued.



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